



SATURDAY NOV. 26, 1898.

## EVENING.

The sun had set in a blaze of glory, the mid-sun of gold and red, and the stars were bright in the sky. The song birds tuned their harp-strings, and a concert sweet began. While the tame fowl sought their nightly words, To wait for another sun.

And the waters of the placid lake, But now an iron gray, Is as if the stiff breeze shake, And lash them into spray. For the sun can paint the water's face, As well as the arched sky. And there is naught embraced in space, Which his colors will not dye.

The cows come home from the pastures green, And the milk-maid brings her pail, And the playful calf they sought to wean, Is free from his cow-pen jail. And the laboring man is homeward bound, And a merry tune he hums, While the house-wife lists for the well-come sound Of his foot-steps as he comes.

And the burdened beasts which God made free, But made by man to slave, If they spoke would speak in tones of glee, In hope of the rest they crave. Now the children gather for a term of sport, And play in the full moon's light, While the young men and the maidens court Till the "wee sma' hours" of night.

—EVA.

## WASHINGTON LETTER

## SPAIN'S ATTITUDE.

## President Embarrassed.

## HEAVY PENSION BILLS IN SIGHT.

## Admiral Dewey's Notification.

## GOOD FEELING EXISTING.

## More Battleships to be Recommended.

## (From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 21, 1898. President McKinley has called time on Spain, so to speak. He has set a time limit, within which the Spanish Peace Commissioners must either accept or reject finally and definitely, our demand for the Philippines. The exact length of this time limit is not known outside of the Cabinet and probably half a dozen others who enjoy the President's confidence, but there are good reasons for saying that it does not extend much, if any, beyond December 1st.

The President was somewhat loth to adopt this peremptory policy, because he disliked to even appear to take advantage of our power to compel Spain to do what we pleased, but the quibbling evinced in the answers of the Spanish Commissioners, which they took a week or more in making, prepared, convinced him that if they were not pulled up short, the negotiations were liable to go on indefinitely. He is simply tired of keeping this country on a war footing, and waiting for the Spaniards to agree to a formal treaty of peace.

## NO DELAY PERMITTED.

Chairman Cannon, of the House Appropriation Committee, is determined that there shall be no delay in getting the regular appropriation bills reported to the House, at the coming session of Congress. The appropriation made the last session of Congress for the support of the army only extends to Dec. 31st, which makes it necessary that a new appropriation shall be made before Congress takes its Christmas recess. Upon the floor of the War Department that its estimates would be ready by that time, Mr. Cannon has called a meeting of the members of the sub-committee on deficiencies, of which he is chairman, for the 26th inst., and if the estimates are not delayed, this bill is likely to be ready to be reported as soon as Congress assembles. The sub-committee on the District of Columbia, will hold its first meeting December 1st, and the present intention is to report the bill and pass it before the holidays. The House appropriation committee has a good record for hard and rapid work, under the guidance of Chairman Cannon, but he hopes to establish a new record at the coming session of Congress.

## THE FIRST PENSION BILL.

The first pension of the Spanish war has been awarded to Private Jesse T. Giles, Second U. S. Artillery, who lost part of his upper lip and several teeth in the Cuban Campaign. Under the present laws \$17 a month was the most that could be allowed, but he is permanently disabled and disfigured. He will be given that sum, but its inadequacy is so manifest that it is likely a bill will be passed by Congress authorizing its increase.

Admiral Dewey has notified the Navy Department that he has contracted with a Hong Kong firm to raise the most that could be allowed, but he is permanently disabled and disfigured. He will be given that sum, but its inadequacy is so manifest that it is likely a bill will be passed by Congress authorizing its increase.

especially useful to the U. S. in the Philippine waters.

## THE SPANISH CRUISE.

They are named respectively: Isla de Cuba, Isla de Luzon, and Juan de Austria. The first two are twin ships, 200 feet long, 30 feet beam, with a draft of 11 feet, 6 inches, and the other is slightly larger, 210 feet long, 34 feet beam and draws 12 feet, 6 inches. They all have torpedo tubes as well as batteries. While it is hoped that the announcement of satisfactory progress by the Canadian American Commission will shortly be followed by another that a treaty has been agreed upon, it is known that such a result can only be obtained by a material change in the position that the Canadians have heretofore taken as to what should constitute commercial reciprocity—the real object of the Canadians in taking part in this commission. The U. S. has always been willing to have real commercial reciprocity with Canada, as with other nations, but strongly opposed to the jug-handle article which Canadians have heretofore sought. As soon as the Canadians are willing to give as much as they wish to take, a treaty can be arranged.

## ENGLAND AND THIS COUNTRY.

Hon. H. S. Foster, a member of the British Parliament, who is visiting Washington, quotes President McKinley as having said to him during a conversation on the relations between the U. S. and Great Britain, that "the feelings of the two peoples would be fruitful for the cause of humanity and civilization," and that "the co-operation of the two countries did not depend upon paper treaties or written obligations, but upon a much deeper and more lasting basis."

Representative Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, who is a member of the House Committee on Rules, was asked yesterday whether it was likely to be any currency legislation at this session of Congress, he replied: "What is the best of it? We have an abundant revenue, and as long as that is the case, there is nothing the matter with our currency. I do not think there will be anything done on the subject at the coming session of Congress."

## MORE CURRENCY LEGISLATION.

"There may be some currency legislation during the fifty-fourth Congress, but how broad and general it will be I cannot say. I do not think the country would suffer if there were none. The people have no question about our money as long as our revenues are all right."

Secretary Long will, in his annual report, recommend that Congress authorize the building of three new battleships and twelve cruisers, and the enlistment in the Navy of twenty thousand men and two thousand five hundred boys.

The largest room in the world, under one roof and unbroken by pillars, is at Saint Petersburg. It is 620 feet long and 150 feet wide. Its roof is a single arch of iron. This room is used for military displays, and a whole battalion can maneuver in it.

The largest city in the world is London, which has a population equaling the combined population of Paris, Berlin, Saint Petersburg, and Rome. Its streets, placed in a row, would reach around the world, leaving a bit over long enough to reach from London to San Francisco.

The largest sundial in the universe is Hayon Horoo, a large promontory extending 3,000 feet above the Egean sea. In the course of each day the sun throws the shadow of this mountain on one after another of a circle of islands, which act as hour marks as surely as the fingers on an ordinary dial.

## WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

Why the villain is inevitably an actor with good teeth.

Why the most sublimated idiot in the east is labeled a newspaper man.

Why the average leading juvenile manages to make up like a barber's assistant.

Why the artless ingenue always manages to look considerably "more than average."

Why all the pretty women of a company fondle and cluster about the leading old man.

Why the adventures in an up-to-date play is always so much prettier than the heroine.

Why the soubrette plays all things in a yellow wig and the villain inevitably wears patent leather.

Why the soubrette finds it necessary to punctuate every line she delivers with a sky-pointed slipper.

Why the low comedian will persist in working over the things that used to be funny when we were young.

Why the leading man is always depicted as a person of plumber-like haughtiness of demeanor.

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## CULLED FROM ALL SIDES.

There are 109 women to every 100 men in the world.

Eight thousand carrier pigeons are kept for use in the German army.

Among flowers the chrysanthemum is said to live the longest after being cut.

A man's clothing usually has the buttons on the right-hand side, a woman's on the left.

The first postoffice was opened in Paris in 1462; in England in 1581, in America in 1710.

Some royal crowns are merely silk-wadded caps ornamented with jewels and pendants.

Vultures cannot discover a carcass by the sense of smell. They rely entirely upon their sight when in quest of food.

The largest country in one body and under one government is the Russian empire. It comprises 8,539,136 square miles.

The wonderful part of the Maxim gun is that it has only one barrel, and yet it can discharge 600 shots in one minute.

In Germany and Holland girls are chosen in preference to young men in all occupations where they can be advantageously employed.

Corks for bottles were first manufactured in Spain and Italy, some time during the fourteenth century. Corkscrews were contemporaneous with corks.

## BARON SCHIMPF'S PHILOSOPHY.

A chip off der oldt plock iss usually der same kindt off a plockhead.

Loft in a gottage iss all right ven der gottage iss situated at Newbort by der sea.

A plack hen vill lay a white egg, budt a shepheard hen won't lay eggs mit bolks dots on it.

Der r-r-olling stone gadders no moss, budt id iss nod so green as der shone vat shoottt shill.

A drop off honey catches more viles as a parcel off vinegar, budt der vinegar vill lass longer.

Von haft der vorlitt don't know how der odder haft life, und id's none off dere plizness, enyhow!

Absence makes der heart grow vander, budt too mooch absence makes der heart grow vander of some odder vellow.

Effery gloud has a siffer lining, budt when it comes to extracting der siffer it iss chust as vell to know der combination.

Der vise man says dot a beggar's purse iss always empty, budt der beggar iss nit der only man whose purse got dot tired veeling.

## THINGS TO KNOW.

A captain in the navy ranks with a colonel in the army.

Restaurant dining is becoming more than ever the rage in London.

A farmer near Decatur, Ala., has raised a hog which weighs 1,524 pounds.

Russia is said to own 3,000,000 horses—nearly one-half of the whole number in existence.

The population of England, at the time of the conquest did not exceed 2,000,000 all told.

It takes 72,000 tons of paper to make the postal cards used in the United States each year.

The first permanent military force in England was the king's guard of yeomen, established in 1486.

The British revenue from spirits is a little in excess of \$20,000,000 yearly, of which \$4,000,000 is on imported goods.

According to the census of 1891 there were about 38,000 people in Ireland who could speaking nothing but Irish and 680,000 who knew both languages.

While the wedding service is proceeding in Japan the bride kindles a torch and the bridegroom lights a fire from it and burns the wife's playthings.

## POINTS AND MOOT POINTS.

Discount ninety-nine per cent. on the verdicts of envy, jealousy, antipathy and prejudice.

A natural fool is far more respectable than an unnatural one.

Preferences are temperamental, not logical.

The human stock is evil, but good is grafted into it more or less successfully.

Life is a veritable fog, but divine lights are visible—intellect, imagination, and above all, affection.

The very rich and the very poor are equal social and economical nuisances.

Human progress is a tortoise race toward perfection.

Our power to act is our center; our progress is our circumference.

Brave hopes are prophecies; timid ones are lies.

To regret not having sinned in the past is to sin with a vengeance.

Life is see-saw, up and down—the down is the safer part of the game.

## BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN.

The preacher will not reap wheat if he sows sand.

If God gives you a talent, don't wear it for a bangle.

A man may know the time card and yet miss the train.

The dew of morning are angels' tears for the deeds of the night.

The smaller a man's heart, the bigger a dollar looks in his eyes.

The mill-wheel may make the noise, but the water does the work.

Too many want to have the victor's crown without the soldier's wounds.

It is often the heat of anger that incubates the chickens that come home to roost.

Talk about "looking for opportunities of doing good!" We may as well talk about looking for fire-wood in a forest or for water during a flood. The world is full of such opportunities.

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